

date before any election, or primary election, to assist him in his candidacy. No person shall act as any such treasurer or political agent unless, after his appointment, and before the primary or election for which he is appointed, a writing signed by the political committee or candidate appointing him and designating him as such treasurer or political agent, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, except that in case the duties of such treasurer or political agent shall relate to any county, city, ward or district election exclusively, or to any primary election preliminary thereto, such writing shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county within which such treasurer or political agent resides, or with the clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, if such treasurer or political agent resides in Baltimore City, instead of with the Secretary of State. Every such writing shall designate the particular period, election or primary election within which such treasurer or political agency shall continue. Nothing in this sub-title shall prevent the treasurer or political agent of any candidate from being the treasurer or political agent of any candidate, but no candidate for public office or nomination therefor may designate himself as his own political agent or act as the political agent or treasurer of any other candidate. No person shall be appointed or act as treasurer or political agent in any election or primary election who is not a citizen and resident of the State of Maryland.

See notes to sec. 215.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 176. 1912, sec. 165. 1908, ch. 122.

**215.** Every political committee shall appoint and constantly maintain a treasurer to receive, keep and disburse all sums of money, or other valuable things, which may be collected, received or disbursed by such committee or by any of its members for any purposes mentioned in section 214 of this article, or for which such committee exists or acts, and unless such treasurer is first so appointed and maintained, it shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for a political committee, or any of its members, to collect or receive or disburse money, or other valuable things, for any such purposes. The treasurer appointed under this sub-title by the state central committee of any party, and the treasurer appointed in any county or in the city of Baltimore, by the members of the state central committee for such county or city of any party, and the treasurer appointed by the city committee of any party in the city of Baltimore, before proceeding to act shall give bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as the committee by whom he shall be appointed shall prescribe conditioned for the faithful performance by him of the duties of his office, without loss or detriment to any person interested in the performance of such duties; upon which bond an action may be maintained in the name of the State of Maryland for the use of any person interested in the faithful performance of his said duties, and injured by a breach of the condition of said bond. The premium required to be paid for such bond may be paid by him out of the funds that shall come into his hands as such treasurer and shall be allowed to him as a credit in the settlement of his accounts. All money or other valuable things collected, received or disbursed by any political committee, or by any member or members thereof, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall be paid over to and made to pass through the hands of the treasurer of such committee and shall be disbursed by him and not otherwise; and it shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any political committee or for any member or members of a political committee, to dis-